

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

With respect to the Specification, please replace paragraph [0081] with the following paragraph:

[0081] High vinyl silicone gum is preferably added to the compound in an amount of about 1.1 weight percent; however, the compound could include high vinyl silicone gum in any amount between about 0.5 and 10 weight percent. The vinyl component of high vinyl silicone gum ~~is~~ includes pendant vinyl in an amount of 8-20 weight percent of the high vinyl silicone gum, with a preferred amount of 14 weight percent.